Foundation Cruise Report

Well landlubbers, it’s time to update you on our Ruritan National Foundation Fellowship cruise.

We left Baltimore Saturday afternoon on 9/14 under cloudy skies and smooth seas. We had a group of 58 Ruritans and significant others making the voyage and four other Ruritans who were in another group sailing at the same time. Wow, 62 going from Baltimore to Bermuda. But watch out, there was a storm brewing near the Bahamas. The one and a half days later we were in Bermuda for what was to have been a day and a half in port. However, just before docking, the captain announced that we would be leaving Bermuda the next morning instead of late afternoon. Smart decision! Eight hours later we were in 6-8’ seas and 30 mph winds. Overnight, seas got to 12-14’ with gust of 60+mph. Yes, you worked your sea legs going anywhere in ship. Things that were very stable earlier on the cruise ended up on the floor (I saw one stack of plates go sailing across the floor). After the two-day sail back to Baltimore, our trip was over. Seems like everyone had a great time and look forward to the next Ruritan cruise.

Auction Items Needed

Since summer is now over, I know every club is busy with their fundraising projects, getting ready for the district conventions, and the upcoming Ruritan National Convention in Kingsport, TN. Remember auction items for the RNF auction at the National Convention in Kingsport and your local district conventions. A lot of the fundraising for the RNF is locally through the districts and local clubs donating items for district convention auctions. Soon you will be setting your club’s budget for 2020. Please remember the Ruritan National Foundation with a line item for both the $300 BY$ deposit and donation to an education fund. If your club doesn’t have an education fund, consider starting one and regularly donate to it. Once it hits $1,000, it becomes a permanent fund. When it hits $10,000, you can convert it to an endowed education fund generating its own scholarship grant. Pretty cool! To date, there are 50 endowed scholarships established with the RNF.

On behalf of all the RNF Trustees, we thank you for all you do for Ruritan and the Ruritan National Foundation. Thank you!!

To purchase a Tom Downing Fellow Award contact Bessie McCormick in the Foundation Department.
877-787-8727 #302

See You at the Auction in Kingsport!